

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at the Village office at 1 S. High St. Covington. Mayor Ed McCord called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following roll call was taken for council:

Present:	Doris Beeman Bud Weer Keith Warner Scott Tobias Lois Newman Joyce Robertson
Absent:	none

The council packet included minutes from the 8/18/14 meeting, check list (7869-7906), fund balance sheet, August income tax report, village administrator report, bid tab for Spring St, Spring St cost/financing spreadsheet and CH2MHill wastewater engineering agreement.

Nonmembers present include Frank Patrizio-Attorney, Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Chief Harmon and Carmen Siefring-Fiscal Officer, and the newspaper.

Agenda:

A motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Robertson to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 08/18/14 meeting are approved as read.

Bills/Financials

No questions or comments. A motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Weer to approve the bills. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors – no comments

Mayors Report

- The mayor stated that he recently visited the GIVE medical ministries in Covington. They will be holding a free Health Fair on Saturday 9/20/14 from 9-12:00 at their facility on 1000 Mote Dr.
- The mayor congratulated the Fort Rowdy Committee on a successful parade and event this year.
- Mayor McCord reminded the community that the Ft Rowdy museum is holding their annual ham and bean supper on 9/6/14.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

- The village has not received a firm commitment on FEMA flood reimbursement money. Mike has provided additional information and reimbursement still looks probable.
- Mike and council discussed extensively the wastewater treatment plant design. CH2MHill provided a design price for phase I of \$189,000 and a bid assistance price of

\$14,700. Phase I of the plant would address the EPA issues and add new treatment processes to the plant. The estimated construction cost is 1.7 million with an approx equipment life of 25-years. Mike said phase II design should begin soon after the completion of phase I construction. Phase II would include fixing existing equipment and addressing efficiency issues.

- VTF Excavating is the apparent low bidder for the Spring St project. Their base bid was \$1,820, 874.46 which is slightly higher than the engineer's estimate of \$1,750,000. Carmen and I have put together the attached spring street financing spread sheet to help put this project in prospective. As you will see, we can afford to proceed with the alternates as well as the base bid if you chose to do this. Included in the cost of this proposed project is full time inspection during the underground portion of this project. I am proposing that we hire Mark Voisard as a contract inspector at a rate of \$25.00 per hour. I spoke to Brice about this and he stated he would charge \$50.00 per hour if he provided the inspection. Mark is a retired Utility Department supervisor from the Village of Versailles. I have known him for years and have consulted with him on numerous occasions concerning water and sewer issues. Mark's duties would include daily inspections to insure that the underground utilities are installed per our specifications. This is very important because once the utilities are covered up, any problems due to inferior installation practices may not show up during the warrantee period. In my opinion the money we spend on inspections will pay for itself in giving Covington a quality product.
- The Village has closed on the property at 110 Pearl St.
- Road salt is in short supply for the 2014-2015 season. Mike will continue to try to obtain a commitment from suppliers.
- Work began today by Finrock Construction for Pearl St bridge repair over the Rocky Branch. Work should be completed by the end of the week.

Legislation

- A motion to suspend the rules was made by Tobias and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried

A motion to approve ***Resolution R21-14 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with CH2MHill for the Phase I design and bid for the wastewater treatment plant improvements*** was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.

- A motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman to approve a quote from James Van Dam Stone and Brick to repair the High Street bridge over the Rocky Branch Ditch at a cost of \$4,295. The village will be providing the stone at an estimated cost of \$1,900. All ayes. Motion carried.
- A motion to suspend the rules was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion to approve ***Ordinance 14-14 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with VTF Excavation LLC for the construction of the Spring Street Phase 1 & 2 and the Spring Street Storm Sewer Project including Alternates 1-4*** was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.

- A motion was made by Newman and seconded by Beeman to authorize the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Mark Voisard to provide inspection services for the Spring St reconstruction project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Weer and seconded by Newman to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.
8:47

Fiscal Officer

Mayor